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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, School Counselors, District Test Coordinators

FROM: Gwendolyn Perea Warniment, PhD, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning & Assessment

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RE: Demonstration of Competency Allowances and Testing Requirements Updates

This memorandum provides information on requirements pertaining to graduation demonstration of competency for cohorts 2022 and 2023, the department's stance on the 2024 and 2025 cohorts, and clarity on testing requirements.

Demonstration of Competency Allowances for Cohorts 2022 and 2023

Due to pandemic-related interruptions to standardized testing, PED allows the continuation of the passing of required coursework to demonstrate competency for cohort 2022 and 2023 graduates, as allowed for cohort 2021.

Status of Demonstration of Competency Allowances for Cohorts 2024 and 2025

PED does not have guidance regarding demonstrations of competency for cohort 2024 and 2025 at this time. Our department will provide guidance as soon as it is available.

Testing Requirements

For cohort 2022, achieving a specific cut-score on testing is not required for graduation, but participation in testing is required.

cc: Kurt Steinhaus, PhD., Secretary of Education
Vickie Bannerman, Ed.D., Deputy Secretary of Identity, Equity & Transformation
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